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PING-PONG IS A CRAZE

HAS INVADED ALL SORTS OF PLACES FROM CLUBS TO HOTELS.

One Factory is Turning Out a Thousand Sets a Day-The Passion For the Sport Has Grown Up Suddenly-Pic uresque Language For Game Terms.

In the past few days persons walking through the quiet up-town streets have remarked about the number of houses through whose open windows came the staccato "ping! pong!" of the xylonite "table tennis" ball. According to the stories which are told by dealers in sporting goods, thousands of sets of this game have been sold to families in the city, and the demand appears to be increasing. One factory at Chicopee Falls alone is turning out 1000 sets daily, and is far behind its orders. Ping-pong outfits are going in numbers now to suburban golf clubs. It shows what a hold the sport has taken on its devotees that even the golfing enthusiast must take his ping-pong to the links with him.

"Our greatest demand for complete sets, including the regulation tables, has, of course, come from the clubs," said a dealer yesterday. "But the women and children have got the fever as bad as their brothers and fathers. If you're writing about the ping-pong craze you can't make it too strong. So far as I know we haven't sold a set to any old ladies' home yet, but I dare say the game will reach them in time. This craze beats anything I ever heard of. Our belief is that it's only beginning. Hot weather may affect our sales somewhat but we look for an increased demand next

"Our indoor putting green in the back of the store has been occupied by a ping-pong table for several weeks. Lots of people who never saw the game come in here and watch a few sets, get fascinated by the play and end by buying racquets and balls and a net to take home and set up on their dining-room or billiard table. There's a game going on here almost every hour of the day. People can't seem to get enough of it."

The clubs have been and are still the stronghold of the craze, although the newspapers have had more to say about the play in brokers' offices and on ocean steamers. So sudden has been the passion for the sport, and so much room does a regulation table take up that most of the clubs have had to give up some other sport, in whole or in part, for a time, or else sacrifice part of their dining-room space. Nobody seems to object, however. Even the most sedate of club loungers, although he may begin by scoffing at the "child's play," ends in becoming either an enthusiast or a disappointed but persistent "duffer."

College clubs or other clubs frequented by younger men are the worst sufferers from the ping-pong malady. The Harvard Club, early in the winter, put up the little nets on its billiard tables, and billiards have scarcely been played there since. Members pay the same amount per hour for playing ping-pong that they formerly were charged for the use of the billiard tables. The club has since set up, in addition, a real ping-pong board. The Yale Club has four tables in one of the class dining-rooms on the ninth | floor. The Cornell University Club profit which rightly belong to themgives up half its dining-room to the pastime, and the House Committee now talks of letting the whole apartment be used for it, so many of the members want to play; and ping-pong tables can be used as dining tables, if it takes too long to make the change. In a Brooklyn athletic club the pingpongers have invaded the handball court. Most of these resorts have had or are having ping-pong tournaments. and clever players have been developed in the course of a few weeks.

Boarding-houses in all parts of town have been hard hit by the craze. The long table in the back parlor makes a good ping-pong board, and the young man in the hall bed-room two flights up takes delight in making the star boarder look like thirty cents. The landladies are not enthusiastic over the game, because when played in the evening it has a tendency to develop

a robust appetite for late suppers. The vernacular of the sport has not yet reached a high degree of development. For the present, as is the case with any new game, players make free other branches of sport. Expressions language of a different character is sphere is as conducive to profanity as the gutta percha. A well known lawn tennis player has a novelty in the way of ping-pong profanity. When he makes a fault he shouts "Fudge!" or "Goodness gracious!" He explains that his sisters, and it isn't worth cussin' about anyway .- New York Sun.

Small Beginnings.

The statement that a man who has a good business idea needs a fortune with which to advertise it is not true. Some of the most successful of business men are those who began in a small way, gradually increasing their advertising as they could. One man who now employs 1000 hands first transported his materials in a wheelbarrow, and advertised his business only in a few lines in a single newspaper.

Refrigerated Flowers.

The florist has grown independent of seasons. You have only to name a date on which you want a certain blossom and he will have it ready for you. The art of retarding flowers was always curious, and now it has widened out into very large dimensions .- Country Life.

SHAVED BY A CRAZY BARBER. Had His Hair Trimmed, Too. But It Was

Not a Pleasant Experience. "It will be some time before I get a free shave or haircut again at the State Hospital in Kings Park," remarked a commercial traveler to a New York Tribune reporter. "You see," he continued, "I have occasion to go to the institution frequently, and I know Dr. Dewing and his staff pretty well. When I was there recently one of the staff suggested that, inasmuch as we both needed a shave, we let one

of the insane barbers do it. "'The man who will shave us,' said my friend, 'is perfectly sane on everything but the delusion that certain people are trying to oppress or persecute him. I'll get shaved first.'

"The barber worked so cleverly that by the time he had finished with the doctor I was ready. I got a first-class shave, and had a pleasant chat with the barber. Two weeks ago I was at Kings Park again, and as I needed a haircut I hunted up my tonsorial friend. He was just the same affable adept as before. My hair was long and wiry, but that didn't bother him. He talked of the wages paid to bar bers at the Waldorf-Astoria and at the Hotel Cecil in London, of the respective merits of American and French face lotions, and other things. Finally just as I was thinking what a bully barber he was, he jumped away from the chair and shouted:

"'He'll be here to-day. I know it. And he'll put the screws on me and 'do' me just as he used to.'

"'Bing - whistle!" went his shears against the door, and then be grabbed a water bottle and struck an attitude of defiance. The cold chills ran down my spine. Suddenly he darted from the room and half an hour later he was solitary confinement. When I looked in the glass I was scared and amused at one and the same time. One side of my head had been neatly cropped, while the other had a mass of hair on it. There was no other barber available and I had to go home that way. When I reached Williamsburg and sauntered into my regular barber shop the gang laughed at me till I explained that the doctor had ordered my hair left that way for the last week. It was a pretty poor bluff, but it was about the only lie I could think of. All the barbers chuckled at my half-shorn head. No more crazy barbers for me, thank you."

Classes in China.

The Chinese standard division of all men is into four classes, viz., scholars, farmers, artisans and merchants. On principles of justice one class should not rank above another. Yet the invariable order of enumeration as given above is practically significant of our estimation of the class. Thus scholars are named first, and we honor them as the highest class in the state, and merchants come last and are generally looked upon with disdain by the educated. And yet the flourishing of commerce is essential to the happiness of

If our trade is absorbed by foreigners the whole state from top to bottom becomes weak. We must not despise the "shopkeepers.", In the west, if any merchants desire to rescue fron the clutches of an alien nation any selves, the Government annually assists those merchants with subsidies, so that they can drive the foreigner out of their markets. At the end of each year accurate statistics of the trade of each city are published. We have never heard of this plan being used in China. The reason is that in China the officials and merchants are at opposite ends of the scale and hence are not in harmony. What the officials order is usually detrimental to trade. Any official acts which are designed as a help to trade are exceedingly rare.-Translation in Shanghai Mercury.

Popularity Means Profit.

The popular journal is the most successful as a business venture, says Newspaperdom. It is the country newspaper that molds and controls the great bulk of public opinion. It is the country newspaper that checks or balances its city contemporary. It is the country newspaper that finds its way to the remote mountain hamlet, and is read by every reading member of the with words and phrases proper to backwoods family by the light of a pine-knot fire. It is the country newslike "You dealt 'em the last time," paper that leads the mountaineer farm"This cue is rotten," "Off side" are er to town to vote for John Smith for er to town to vote for John Smith for heard around the board. Picturesque Governor, because he saw the latter was the champion of the country edialso common. The elusive celluloid tor. He saw it in his country paperin print-and it must be all right. He has never yet been fooled or led astray by his country paper--his confidence therein is unshaken. And right here is the secret to success in country newspaper work. First, get the confihe learned the game by playing with dence of your people; second, keep it.

Better Informed.

"Now, I rather pide myself on my ability to read character," said the man who was given to buying detective tales, "and yet, why should I? It is really a very simple thing-requires nothing but close observation. For instance, it is very easy to tell a man's occupation. His facial expression, his actions, even his dress, are stamped by his daily work. You see that man sitting opposite us? Well, I'm just as sure as though he had told me that he is a barber."

"You are mistaken," replied his friend. "That man is a butcher." "Impossible," exclaimed the amateur

detective. "You never saw a butcher with slim, white hands like his." "Perhaps not," admitted the other, 'but he is a butcher just the same."

"How do you know he is?" "How do I know? Why, the scoundrel shaved me once."-Tid-Bits.

OUR BUDGET OF HUMOR.

A Poem on Fate. You cannot choose your earthly lot,
Not right all seeming wrongs,
The clam likes not
The chowder hot;
But that's where he belongs.
—Washington Star.

Home Information Bureau. Hixon-Between me and my wife we know it all."

Dixon-"How's that?" Hixon-"She tells me everything that happens, and I tell her a lot of things that never happened."-Chicago News

Audience Suited the Action to the Word. "I was told to come on the stage stealthily and say 'Hist!" explained the fledgling actor.

"And I said it, and I was," he mournfully concluded .- Baltimore American

Social Differences.



"Met Liza Smith just now." "Did yer? What did she say to yer?" "Say? Nuffin. I putrified her with a glance."-The King.

Experienced.

Stern Voice (from above)-"Has that young man left yet?"

Miss Peachblow-"Oh, he started for home an hour ago."

Stern Voice (from above)-"Well, you come upstairs as soon as he goes."-Washington Times.

A New Market.
"Yes," said the European diplomat, we have a new motto here."

"What's that?" asked the American. "When in doubt, sell the United States some islands," : plied the European diplomat.

Who can say but this may be the sclution of international difficulties ?-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Her Opinion.

"Don't you think that Mr. Caddington shows a very egotistic disposition in trying to associate himself with people of importance?"

"Not at all," answered Miss Cayenne. 'It indicates great humility. I never knew that a person could derive so much satisfaction from realizing his wn inferiority."-Washington Star.

Why He Anchored.

"Captain," remarked the nuisance on shipboard, who always asks such foolish questions, "what is the object in throwing the anchor overboard?"

"Young man," replied the old salt, "do you understand the theory of seismic disturbances? Well, we throw the anchor overboard to keep the ocean from slipping away from us in the fog. See?"-Baltimore News.

Easily Explained.

"Who is that very quiet man over

there in the corner?" "That is Professor Mustikins. He occupies the chair of ancient languages in our university."

"It's rather funny, it seems to me, that a professor of languages should have so little to say."

"Oh, well, you know, the ancient languages are not spoken tongues any more."-Chicago Record-Herald.



"And some have greatness thrust upon them."-Life.

A Honeymoon Financier. Judge Edwards, of Lee County, who has married over a hundred couples since he has been ordinary, performed the ceremony recently for a runaway couple seated in a buggy in the public road.

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SURGICAL OPERATIONS

How Mrs. Bruce, a Noted Opera Singer, Escaped an Operation. Proof That Many Operations for Ovarian Troubles are Unnecessary.

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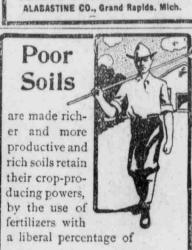
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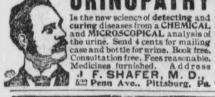
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